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In re Application of

Masashi NAKASHITA

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/024,544

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: BODY FLUID ABSORBENT WEARING ARTICLE

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a *Response to Restriction Requirement and Supplemental Amendment* in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.  
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	20	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
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Fee for extension of time					n/a
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- ☐ A credit card authorization form in the amount of ----- is attached
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**AND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" section of the Amendment filed January 23, 2004 has been found incompliant with 37 CFR 1.121. Please do not enter the section.

Please enter the following claim amendments which are believed free of the informalities noted by the Examiner in the Office Action sent April 19, 2004. The enclosed "Listing of Claims" includes changes made relative to the original claims.